

## 2016 LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING MEETING.

JUNE 7, 2016

### Hazardous Substance Advisory Board – DEP

- The Hazardous Substance Advisory Board meeting was made a part of today's (June 7) LEPC meeting. A recap of the 2015 fiscal year was discussed and compared to the 2014 fiscal year.
  - Emergency responses for 2015 were nothing out of the ordinary.
  - 358 total responses in 2015, an 11.4 % increase from 2014. The increase were mostly uniform with respect to response of various categorizes of hazardous substances; they include:
    - Abandoned chemicals
    - Chemical spills
    - Chemical odors
    - Chemical fires
    - Explosives/WMD
    - Petroleum Spills
    - PCBs
    - Transformer releases
    - Carbon Monoxide
    - Special investigations
    - Asbestos
    - Building collapse (new category)
- Since the last LEPC meeting, there have been ten (10) joint agency/partner details, they were for the following events:
  - New Year's Eve
  - St Patrick's Day (3/17)
  - United Airlines half-marathon (3/20)
  - New York Yankees opening day (4/4)
  - New York Mets opening day (4/8)
  - 9/11 Memorial walk (4/24)
  - United Nations Climate Treaty Signing (4/21-22)
  - Five borough bike tour (5/1)
  - Brooklyn half-marathon (5/21)
  - Salute to Israel (6/5)

- There are two upcoming details
  - Puerto Rican parade (6/12)
  - July 4

### **Update on Tier II Submissions – DEP**

- With respect to Right-to-Know (RTK) and Tier II submissions, as of May 21, 2016:
  - Approximately 10,415 submissions, of which 623 submissions are from new facilities.
  - 9,310 were submitted online; 1,105 were submitted hardcopy.
  - Approximately half are paid online while the other half is through checks.
  - There is a trend towards online payment.
- Risk Management Plans
  - 343 risk management plans on file.
  - As of May, 2016 an additional 17 facilities are require to submit RMPs.
- Inspections
  - 8,151 inspections during fiscal year 2016.
  - 122 facilities were found to be exempt from Right-to-Know Law
  - 393 were in violation of the law.
  - 242 facilities went out of business
- Special Events
  - On March 21, 2016, NYC Small Business Services requested training classes regarding rules, regulations, Tier II, and RTK inspections. These training classes were provided by DEP-DERTA.

### **ECRM2 Project Update – DEP/NYCEM**

- A background to the Effective Chemical Risk Management 2 (ECRM2) Project was provided. This project sprang forth from the response to the West Texas tragedy and President Obama signed Executive Order 13650 to improve chemical facility safety and security. Many agencies from the federal, state, and local level have coordinated to address this issue and to develop best practices.
- It is chaired by the Department of Homeland Security, EPA, and OSHA.
- ECRM2 focuses on Federal Region 2 and there are currently three main objectives:
  - Developing an understanding of the jurisdiction amongst agencies and how each agency ranks chemical risk
  - Develop a plan to improve operational coordination
  - Identifying challenges, possible solutions, and the value added by conducting joint-inspections

- Materials have been developed for cross-training of inspectors.
- Agencies identified top 10 items that are considered non-complaint with regulatory programs.
- Multi-agency guide developed for inspecting high risks facilities.
- Compiled a regional standard operation procedures manual for a unified federal, state, tribe, and local approach on how to respond, identify, and communicate the risks at a facility.
- Identified sectors that are particularly at risk.
- Regular conference calls among subgroups have been held for agency referrals and informational exchange.
- NYCEM is continuing collaboration with the United States Coast Guard and coordination with other City agencies to add value to responses.
- Upcoming meetings
  - “Inspector Day” scheduled for end of June in Edison, NJ. This will be an opportunity for inspectors throughout different agencies to present and meet in various sessions.
  - Bi-annual meeting scheduled for October in Edison, NJ.

### **Additional Items**

#### **a. Noteworthy Emergency responses – DEP**

- Bay Ridge
  - Event started in December of last year when DEP responded to a chemical spill of an unknown substance. This chemical was eventually identified as concentrated rat poison. No one was injured.

#### **b. Special Deployments – DEP**

- Special deployments that occurred last year.
  - United States Woman’s National Team Parade (7/10/15)
  - Visit by the Pope to many venues throughout New York City
  - 2015 Major League Baseball playoffs
    - New York Yankees
    - New York Mets